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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-21 (Cancelled).

Claim 22 (Currently Amended) A sheet media support apparatus, comprising a capacitive mat including electrical first and second nodes, ~~the capacitive mat configured to electrically attractingly support a sheet media; and~~

~~a controller coupled to the first and second nodes of the capacitive mat and configured to:~~

~~selectively electrically energize the first node at a step-change positive potential, waiting a predetermined amount of time, and electrically energize the second node at a step-change negative potential after expiration of the predetermined amount of time in response to an input; and~~

~~electrically energize the first node at a time increasing positive potential and the second node at a time increasing negative potential.~~

Claim 23 (Original) The apparatus of claim 22, and wherein the capacitive mat includes:

a first plurality of electrical conductors electrically coupled to the first node; and a second plurality of electrical conductors electrically coupled to the second node.

Claim 24 (Cancelled).

Claim 25 (Original). The apparatus of claim 22, and wherein the capacitive mat defines a curved sheet media support surface.

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Claim 26 (Cancelled).

Claim 27 (Original). The apparatus of claim 22, and wherein the capacitive mat and the controller are each further configured to cooperate with an imaging apparatus.

Claims 28-51 (Cancelled).

Claim 52 (Original). An apparatus for supporting a sheet media, comprising:
capacitive mat means for electrically attractingly supporting the sheet media; and
mat controller means for energizing a first node of the capacitive mat means at a
time-increasing positive potential and energizing a second node of the capacitive mat at a
time-increasing positive potential simultaneously selectively electrically energizing the
capacitive mat means in a predetermined sequential order in response to an input.

Claims 53-54 (Cancelled).

Claim 55 (Original). The apparatus of claim 52, and wherein the mat controller means is configured to receive the input from an imaging apparatus controller.